THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Representation from C.S.S. Section Officers' Association

3066. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that representation has been made to the Department by the C.S.S. Section Officers' Association regarding the faulty implementation of the Board of Arbitration's Award in C.A. reference No. 7 of 1984;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) whether Government are considering the amendment of the orders so that justice could be done to the affected Section Officers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The representation received from the Association is under examination.

Priorities in 8th Five Year Plan

3067. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that guidelines and priorities have been visualised for Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, what are the guidelines and priorities of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(c) what spadework has been done by Government to formulate Eighth Five Year Plan based on these guidelines and priorities?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The guidelines and priorities for the Eighth Five Year Plan will be set out in the Approach Paper which is under preparation. The detailed spadework on the formulation of the Eighth Five Year Plan will follow.

Non-functioning of weather observatory at Central Telegraph Office, Shimla

3068. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one of the country's oldest weather observatory situated at the Central Telegraph Office in Shimla has stopped operating; and

(b) if so, what were the main reasons therefor and what are the alternative measures being made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) A full-time departmental observatory has been established at Shimla since 23rd December, 1987. With this, the old part-time observatory functioning at CTO Shimla has been closed down.

Ordnance Factories

3069. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the locations for the establishment of proposed four ordnance factories in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Sagar in Madhya Pradesh was selected as far back as 1960 for one of these factories but extraneous considerations have led to its exclusion; and

(d) whether Government would consider locating the fourth factory at Sagar or some other place in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Only two proposals for setting up of new ordnance factories have been under consideration of the Government for manufacture of (i) propellant and (ii) gun-sights.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The selection of sites for setting up of the factories has to be done after detailed examination of techno-economic and strategic factors. The present position is that the investment decision for setting up of these two factories is still to be taken by the Government. The proposal requires detailed scrutiny in terms of economic feasibility and utilisation of existing capacities in the country.

Melting of the Himalayan Glaciers

3070. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister has expressed concern over the Central Water Commission plan to augment water supply by melting the Himalayan glaciers by coal dusting;

(b) if so, whether a delegation of environmentalists had presented the memorandum signed by 15 environmentalists; and

(c) if so, what were the main points raised in the memorandum; whether Government have since examined the same and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister, contained incorrect information as the Central Water Commission has no plans to melt the Himalayan glaciers. However, a small experiment for melting the seasonal snow at lower elevation which in any case melts by June-July, is under consideration.

Overcrowding of OPD at AIIMS

3071. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy overcrowding of patients of O.P.D. of AIIMS, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the estimated number of patients visiting OPD of AIIMS, New Delhi per day; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to reduce overcrowding at OPD in AIIMS, New Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average daily patients attendance during the year 1987-88 was 4818 along with the one or two attendants.

(c) The expansion of the Out Patients' Department of AIIMS will be considered in the VIIIth Plan.

Working of AIIMS

3072. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the working of the AIIMS, New Delhi is deteriorating and the patients are not properly treated/examined;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a large scale purchasing of sub-standard material/medicines and even the syringes are often very blunt;

(c) whether it is also a fact that recent computerisation in the Institute wherein several lakhs of rupees have been wasted and some computers are installed in Administration and the remaining computers are lying idle; and